GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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ILLEGAL IMPORT OF CARDAMOM
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Cardamom is facing threat due to illegal and other imports; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

a) With effect from 31.3.99, Cardamom is freely importable into India. Inflow of Cardamom at rates cheaper than the Indian cardamom cost of production would gain customer preference.

b) The Government has put in place Schemes to help Cardamom farmers to increase production and productivity to produce cardamom efficiently, These schemes include production and supply of quality planting material, replanting of old and uneconomic and diseased plantations, irrigation and land development programmes and extension advisory services.